

One of Dave's most spectacular achievements is the Safety Program. As the Safety Chairman, Dave transformed the program to one of the best working offices in Virginia. He spent much of his own personal time bringing the program to the local elementary schools where he demonstrated the importance of safety in our community by inviting fire marshals and police in for safety lectures, as well as providing helpful literature to the elementary schoolchildren.

Dave has been an active member in many veteran organizations such as the American Legion Post, Veterans of Foreign Wars, and the Marine Corps League. In 1977, he was appointed the National Deputy Chief of Staff of the Veterans of Foreign Wars. During the past 3 years, he conducted a highly successful Santa Letter Writing Program that won a national award from the Veterans of Foreign Wars. The program has grown to such proportions that it was turned over to the Salvation Army this past year. Dave is the founder of the Potomac Region Veteran's Council and was chairman for 2 years. He was instrumental in having a county park and road, the Veterans Memorial Park and Drive in Woodbridge, VA, named after veterans to honor their service to this Nation. In 1975, Dave was awarded the George Dalby Trophy as the outstanding veteran for the Commonwealth of Virginia.

Dave's two most outstanding accomplishments were his State and district support of the new National Cemetery at Quantico, VA, and his efforts for the continued support of funding to the Rehabilitation Center for Alcoholics at Lorton.

Dave has been instrumental in the growth of the Woodbridge community. He was influential in the planning and construction of the Dale City Recreation Center, a \$1.2 million project dedicated to the youth of Dale City. Dave was also a key player in planning the successful preservation of the old court house site, Brentsville, Cedar Run, Grayson's Monument, and Lee Monument.

David Lynch is a remarkable man whose contributions to his community and his country as a leader and volunteer have made a great difference. I know my colleagues join me in honoring this outstanding man.

IN MEMORY OF "DR. JOHN"
ELEFTERAKIS, M.D.

HON. CHARLES E. SCHUMER

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 4, 1997

Mr. SCHUMER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today, with a heavy heart, to ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the memory of Dr. John Elefterakis, a father, friend, and healer.

"Dr. John," as he was known to family, friends, and patients, was much too young when he was taken from our midst. However, I do not wish to stand here today and be sad for his passing; instead I would like to celebrate a life so richly lived and shared with others.

Dr. John came from humble beginnings, a son of immigrants, he quickly learned to work hard for a good life. He excelled in school, played sports and participated in a variety of clubs and other extracurricular activities in his

academic days. As always, Dr. John quickly rose to the top.

Following his interest in science, he attended City College Center for Biomedical Education. He later went on to New York Medical School in Valhalla and graduated in 1982. He completed his rotations in local hospitals such as Lincoln, St. Vincent's, Metropolitan, Cabrini, and Lenox Hill. That next year he was accepted into the Lutheran Medical Center, completed his internship and became a permanent resident physician. Five years later, he opened his own medical offices, the Gerritsen Beach Medical Plaza on Gerritsen Avenue.

His commitment to the well-being of others extended well beyond the examination room. He was known to have generously donated of his time and his services to school football teams, religious groups, and scout troops; he worked with youngsters through the DARE organization. For 12 years he was the medical director of the Gerritsen Beach Volunteer Fire Department. And, he had a healthy passion for the Knicks which he shared with many of his patients.

He was the classic small-town doctor, who still made house calls. To borrow the words of another, he was a caring, straight forward, and down-to-earth individual. He knew the importance of a few kind words, a tender touch, and loving understanding. Sometimes that was all that was needed.

I ask my colleagues to join me today to posthumously honor Dr. John for living a rich, rewarding, and full life. For his generosity and bedside manner made him a favored son in the community. I, too, will miss you, Dr. John; thank you for showing us how to make use of our time here on earth wisely. Your legacy will live on in the hearts and minds of those fortunate individuals who had the chance to know you.

COMMEMORATING THE EIGHTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE TIANANMEN SQUARE MASSACRE

HON. CHRISTOPHER H. SMITH

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 4, 1997

Mr. SMITH of New Jersey. Mr. Speaker, today we commemorate the eighth anniversary of the massacre in Tiananmen Square, and the task of people who believe in truth and justice is more difficult than ever before.

Eight years ago, the world watched in horror as the Chinese military, under the direction of General Chi Haotian, rolled into Tiananmen Square and gunned down thousands of people—young and old—who had gathered in the Square, the heart of China, to peacefully seek reform and greater freedoms from their government. In minutes, the hopes and dreams of people the world over united in solidarity with the Tiananmen Square protesters were destroyed, and millions stood in disbelief that any government could unleash such terror on its people while the world watched.

I am sure that Chinese Government officials believed that, in time, the world would forget what happened in the early hours of June 4, 1989. But the spirit of those thousands who died there lives on. Their blood cries out so that we will not forget. Our hearts still ache for the dead, the injured, the arrested. Mr. Speak-

er, the world has not forgotten the martyrs of Tiananmen Square.

But there is something going on now that would be even more tragic than forgetting the Tiananmen Square Massacre and those who gave their lives on that day 8 years ago.

Now, the Chinese Government does not want us to forget this event happened, it wants us to believe that it never happened—that thousands of peaceful young people were not shot down in cold blood, that hundreds more were not injured. The Chinese Government wants us to believe that what we witnessed, what has been reported by observers, is a fabrication. A big lie. That instead of innocent students who were attacked, it was the People's Liberation Army which was under attack and on the defense.

The Butcher of Beijing, Gen. Chi Haotian, who ordered the troops into Tiananmen Square, and who is ultimately responsible for every death, every injury, every arrest, is now the Defense Minister of China. Just 6 months ago, this man was the honored guest of the Clinton administration—meeting with the President, given full military honors, and addressing top U.S. military officials.

The civilized world was stunned during his visit when General Chi told us that "not a single person lost his life in Tiananmen Square" and that the People's Liberation Army did nothing more violent than the "pushing" of "hooligans."

But, Mr. Speaker, we know the truth. We know that thousands died and more were injured. Witnesses have told of the horrors as people died standing up for freedom, democratic reform, and human rights.

Mr. Speaker, today is not enough for us to just remember. We must raise our voices so that the lives and deaths of those martyred in Tiananmen Square will not be erased.

The memory of those who died 8 years ago must burn in our hearts not just today but every day. We must not allow their deaths to be in vain. We must not allow the deeds of evil people to be rewarded and their lies to go unchallenged.

Mr. Speaker, today, we stand as one, to remember the courage of those who gave their lives in Tiananmen Square, and to commit ourselves to continue working together to carry on their dreams to bring about a free and democratic China.

STATEMENTS BY TIM BLAIS, JOSEPH BOUSQUET, AND KEITH McMANIS, MONTPELIER HIGH SCHOOL REGARDING DOMESTIC AFFAIRS

HON. BERNARD SANDERS

OF VERMONT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 4, 1997

Mr. SANDERS. Mr. Speaker, for the benefit of my colleagues I would like to have printed in the RECORD this statement by high school students from Montpelier High School in Vermont, who were speaking at my recent town meeting on issues facing young people.

Mr. BLAIS: Congressman SANDERS, in the early days of the Government, debt was considered to be a last resort. The only justification for debt of any kind was by war. In 1849, the Government had \$70 million in the bank;